

## **REMARKS**

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004. Claim 23 has been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5, 10-11, 13-14, 18, and 24-39 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-22, and 24-39 remain pending in the case. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant has amended the list of inventors to correct a misspelling of "Kadir". Applicant notes that there was no inventor list included in the Specification as filed, and respectfully requests that the list of inventors be corrected in all appropriate related documents.

Applicant has amended the Specification in accordance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) to include a claim of benefit of priority to a provisional application in accordance with such claim included in the Declaration/Oath and reflected in the filing receipt for the present application. Applicant notes that the inclusion of this reference is not within the 16-month time period after the filing date of the provisional application, and so a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5) is required, and included herewith.

Applicant has further amended the Specification to correct various typographical and antecedent basis errors. No new matter has been added.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant appreciates the allowance of the subject matter of claims 23 and 24. Applicant believes that the claims as originally filed are patentably distinct over the cited art; however, to expedite prosecution, Applicant has accepted the allowable subject matter, and has amended the claims accordingly. Applicant intends to pursue the original claims in a continuation application.

Applicant has amended claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 18, 24, and 28-39 to correct typographical and antecedent basis errors. Claims 2, 13, and 14 were amended to more clearly express the limitations of those claims. Claim 10 was amended to include the

limitations of claim 23, and claim 23 was cancelled accordingly. Claim 24 was amended to depend from claim 10. Independent claims 1, 25, 26, and 27 were amended based on the allowed subject matter of claim 23.

### **Objections**

The drawings were objected to for not clearly showing lines and detail. Applicant has herewith submitted replacement drawings with improved lines and details accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objection to the drawings.

### **Section 102 Rejections**

Claims 1-9 (and apparently claims 25 and 26) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,933,345 to Martin, and claims 10-24 (and apparently claims 27 - 39) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,278,899 to Piche.

Applicant submits that the above amendments render the rejections moot, and respectfully requests removal of the 102 rejections.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5650-03500/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Petition for Delayed Priority Claim
- ☒ Replacement Drawings - Figures 1 – 12 (9 sheets)
- ☒ Corrected Declaration and Power of Attorney

Respectfully submitted,



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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please replace original Figures 1-12 (on 12 sheets) with replacement Figures 1-12 (on 9 sheets), included herewith.